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East Zone Church Strong in Spite of Tribulation

The churches in Communist East Germany, where nine out of ten congregations are Evangelical, are being tested by trial and tribulation, but give themselves as staunch and long citadels of the faithful, it was stated at New York by Dr. Julius Bodensieck.

Dr. and Mrs. Bodensieck returned to the United States after seven years of almost uninterrupted service abroad, mostly in Germany and Austria. For the last two years, Dr. Bodensieck was a Lutheran World Service representative in Berlin and Mrs. Bodensieck represented both Lutheran World Service and Lutheran World Relief.

Early in 1954, Dr. Bodensieck will resume his duties as professor of the Bible at Wartburg Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa, of which he is a past president. Mrs. Bodensieck said she expects "to be a wife."

Interviewed at the National Lutheran Council's headquarters here, Dr. Bodensieck said the strength of the churches in the Soviet Zone of Germany and Austria was proved by the good attendance at services, the faith of the church members, and the way the pastors stick with their congregations even though many have opportunities to escape to freedom in the West.

The Communists control schools, the press, theaters and every other public institution "to make only one voice heard," and use special efforts to win over youth. But according to Dr. Bodensieck, they have "so far not been particularly successful in eradicating faith in the Gospel."

Shortly before returning to the United States, Dr. Bodensieck had an opportunity to visit Dresden and near Meissen, deep in the Soviet Zone of Germany, to attend the installation of the new Bishop of Saxony, the Rev. Gottfried Noth.

The travel-permit was granted only

after great difficulties and at the last moment, and Dr. Bodensieck was ordered to register with the police in Dresden as soon as he arrived there. Only one other foreign Church representative was permitted to attend the consecration service. He was Bishop Louis Veto of Hungary.

The impressive ceremony at Meissen gave Dr. Bodensieck additional proof of the vital strength of the Church in the East Zone, "where people here learned to know the Church as the last remaining institution of truth and freedom."

As some 500 ministers and church officials moved through the city in a procession which lasted more than an hour, the streets were lined with spectators standing up to seven deep along the way, Dr. Bodensieck said.

The procession was showered with flowers, people took their hats off, and many wept. In practically every window of the city the people, who so often are compelled to display red flags, had voluntarily hung white cloths decorated with green branches of palms and myrtles as an impressive demonstration of their loyalty to the Church.

The church in which the consecration of the new bishop took place was jammed by some 1,400 people, and thousands more were crowded into other churches where the ceremony could be followed through a system of loudspeakers.

Though all the highest leaders of the Evangelical Church in Germany took part in the ceremony, at which Dr. Bodensieck brought greetings from the Lutheran World Federation, he was most impressed by the address delivered by a representative of the East Zone youth. It was based on the quotation: "If God be for us, who can be against us?"

Observing that "it is safe to say that not more than two or three per cent of

the East Zone population is in favor of the present regime," Dr. Bodensieck stressed that the German churches urge their members to stay rather than to flee to the West.

However, he added, the refugee influx into Berlin is again increasing rapidly and by the beginning of next year may reach the flood proportions of the period before the Church-State "armistice" and the East Zone riots of last summer.

The period of comparative quiet, which has made it possible to close down and improve some of the refugee reception camps in Berlin, has helped state authorities as well as church agencies to prepare for better service to the refugees next time, he added.

Stressing that the German churches are doing "a fine work in the field of spiritual care for the refugees," Dr. Bodensieck said the main contribution of West German Lutherans is to be expected in the field of theology.

He said the work which is being done in the quiet seclusion of numerous West German theological academies may bring real contributions not only to the field of theology but also the various fields of church work in general.

For instance, Dr. Bodensieck pointed out that about 20 German theologians, philosophers, and economists are engaged in a thorough study of Marxism which may help formulate the basic Christian attitude toward that ideology.

The West German churches are also sponsoring numerous other studies and breaking new trails into important fields of everyday life, by arranging for example, joint study retreats for mine owners and miners of the Ruhr area, as is done under the auspices of the Church of Hannover.

While the German theologians have much to offer the rest of the world's Lutherans, he said they still had not fully solved the problem of lay participation in church work.

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News and Notes

Washington Island, Wis. The 25th anniversary of Trinity Lutheran Church of Washington Island was celebrated Oct. 18th, although the actual date of the anniversary was Oct. 31. The first pastor, Rev. John Christensen now of Marcus, Iowa, preached the festival sermon on Sunday morning, speaking on the theme "The Great Invitation" and again on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evening. A dinner was served in the church parlors Sunday noon to 150 people. It was good to have the Christensens present for this event and this congregation will always be grateful for the work they began in our midst.

This congregation is a mission project of the Wisconsin district of the U.E.L.C. In 1926 Pastor John Christensen was called by the district to begin the work. His salary was partly paid by the district, and this arrangement has continued throughout the years. The congregation was organized on October 31st, 1928 with a charter membership of 38 souls, including children. The church was built in 1930 on a lot purchased with a gift of money given by Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Andersen of Racine. Generous donations were given by interested people of the district and synod, as well as by the people of the Island.

A Sunday School was organized in 1929 and also the Ladies Aid, with 13 ladies as charter members.

Rev. Christensen left the Island in April, 1933, and has been followed by these pastors: Leo H. Andersen 1933-1938, James P. Christensen 1939-1944, Edwin Svendsen 1944-1945, C. Krogh 1945-1946, Edwin Svendsen 1946-1948, Lyle Paulsen 1948-1952, C. Krogh 1953 (5 months) and Roy Mumm 1953-—.

In 1944 a parsonage was built on the church lot. On Jan. 12, 1947 the church was completely destroyed by fire, only a few months after the mortgage burning ceremony had been celebrated, making the property debt free. This was a tremendous blow, but has perhaps, served as a stimulus in the spiritual life of the congregation. The humbling experience of beginning all over again has deepened the meaning of the church in the community, resulting in a greater love for

the work of the Kingdom in this place and elsewhere. Again the congregation received many generous donations toward the building of a new church, which was ready for use in June, 1949. It is of stone construction, costing \$65,000. In Sept. 1952 the Wisconsin district held its annual convention here, and the record breaking attendance gave evidence of the interest and love they continue to have for this mission work which they began over 25 years ago.

Twenty-five years is a short time in church history but the influence of this congregation has been far-reaching, in spite of its isolated location. The Word has been faithfully preached and taught and will not fail to bear fruit. We humbly pray for God's continued blessing in the future years.

Pastor Jacob Jacobsen Resigns from Sudan Mission

In a letter to the editor Pastor Jacobsen writes:

It is over a month now that we returned to the U.S.A. We arrived in New York City on October 15th.

The Mission doctor and the mission superintendent of our Sudan mission made the decision that we should return home. They had a conference and after much discussion thought it best that my wife have medical treatment in the U.S.A. My wife has not been in good health the year we were in Africa. She had recurring malaria attacks and also arthritis. I feel for her sake it was wise that she could get home as quickly as we did. She is improving rapidly and we feel this is because of diet and climatic changes. She has also had medical treatment.

Pastor N. B. Hansen has asked for our resignation on the basis of the doctor's report and our own personal feeling regarding my wife's health. We have complied with this wish and are no longer missionaries under the Board of Foreign Missions.

We are thankful for our past year on the Mission Field as it has given us an insight into the work, the problems, the people and the conditions of our mission in the Sudan. There are many interesting things we could relate from our experiences.

Our prayers and our interest is with our African Christians and their future as a Christian Church. We have many Africans in places of authority such as pastors and head school teachers and they are doing a fine work in God's Kingdom. Surely the field in the Sudan is white unto harvest, pray the Lord of The Harvest that He will send forth laborers—both black and white for a bountiful reaping of souls.

Pastor J. E. Jacobsen and family

CANADIAN LUTHERAN BIBLE INSTITUTE

The annual Association meeting of the Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute, Camrose, was held at the school on November 18, 1953.

Interesting reports were given regarding the work of the school during the last year. Pastor Vinge, the school dean, reported a total attendance of sixty students during the year, coming from six different Lutheran synods. There were six students who graduated having completed the prescribed two year course.

The Association noted with joy that one full-time Bible teacher has been added to the teaching staff, namely Pastor Sterling Johnson. He is to be the school teacher-evangelist, and also to be the promotional director of the school.

Another development reported by the Association was the opening of the Corner Book Store in Camrose. The store is owned and operated by Mrs. Bertine Skaret. Pastor Vinge gives assistance in running the store.

The new building project—namely the boys' dormitory—was an item of great interest. This is going ahead rapidly and the main floor will be ready for occupancy any time. Gifts totalling some \$22,000.00 have come for this building fund, and it is estimated that another \$21,000.00 is needed to finish the building without the auditorium and basement rooms completed.

Four members were elected to the Association Board to replace those whose terms expired. They are: Pastor Lingren of Meeting Creek, Alta (Augustana); Pastor Kirkegaard

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Editorials and Statistics

NUMBERS AND STATISTICS

In a few weeks we shall be happy to receive annual reports from the different congregations. Some of these reports are real masterpieces. The pastor, it is general-ly who makes them, has been able to put everything into the numbers and statistics. They say that a number of reports and statistics got "a warm reception" by Pastor Vilh. Beck. By warm is meant that he burned them.

Of course, we read the reports with interest, but we sometimes think that we are prone to place too much importance on all these reports. We are also asked, if other people pay much attention to them?

We are statistic and number conscious more than we are idea conscious. We try to define or describe the spiritual life in terms of numbers and statistics.

Of course they had numbers in the New Testament times too. Christ once fed 4000 and 5000 with a few loaves and a few fish. We also hear of 3000 being converted on the day of Pentecost and later we hear that the number had been increased to 5000.

We believe, however, that we cannot measure love by numbers. The numbers cannot witness to the truth. The fact that 3000 joined the church on Pentecost is not necessarily a proof that Peter was a successful pastor. Suppose they had arrested him and stoned him to death instead? Some would have said, poor Peter, he was not successful at all. You see, Christ managed to get himself crucified, and therefore he was not successful.

The stewardship departments think in the terms of statistics and numbers. They have so many members, and each member is able to give about \$10.00 to the work outside the local church, and so they plan their work accordingly. They try to get \$10.00 from each member. When they get it, they think they have been successful.

But the fact is that this may not be Christian at all. It may simply be ordinary arithmetic, mere numbers.

There may not be any love for foreign missions, for some missions, for Christian higher education in these \$10.00.

Perhaps it would be more Christian, if some gave \$100 and some did not give a penny. This might be as love as any prompt. And there is power in such a witness.

What have we wanted to say with this editorial? We wanted to say that we may do well in relying more upon God and less on men and numbers.

Love and truth cannot be spelled out in mere numbers. One foreign religious journal suggests that it is better to think of II Tim. 2,9. The Word of God is not bound (or "fettered" R.S.V.).

We shall be happy to receive articles or letters on this subject. For we simply suggest that our stewardship be more Christ minded and less statistic minded!

WHEN THERE IS NO FOURTH CLASS

Recently the well known medical missionary to Africa, Albert Schweitzer, winner of the Nobel prize, visited Paris. Some journalists asked him, why he in spite of his high age always travelled third class on the railroad. Said Dr. Schweitzer, it is because there is no fourth class on the railroad. As long as there is so much misery in the world I feel I have no right to travel on any other than the cheapest class on the railroad.

Here you have the consecrated soul. He gives all that he has. He is like the widow with the penny. She gave her whole penny.

Schweitzer does what Soren Kierkegaard says, he keeps the ideals young and beautiful to behold.

OUR WASHINGTON SCENE

Elson Ruff, editor of The Lutheran writes the following editorial Dec. 2nd:

All the people in North America previous to 1492 were Reds. I hope Attorney General Brownell doesn't go back that far in dredging up campaign propaganda against the Democrats. Our problem always is that the future is still ahead of us. We can't afford to spend our energy raking up the past.

It's no secret that Communists are skillful and persistent in spying and all sorts of undercover tactics. The information Mr. Brownell has published regarding Harry Dexter White seems to prove that the Truman administration was careless and incompetent in dealings with espionage.

If there is any of this criminal activity still continuing within the government or elsewhere, the Department of Justice should uncover it as fast as possible and prosecute according to law. It's Mr. Brownell's job to see that this is done. If he is successful in his proper business, perhaps some congressmen can go back to their proper business of legislation.

It is dangerous for all of us to have this matter of protecting the nation against spies made into a political racket. To use an eight-year-old spy story as a weapon against the Truman administration—which is now merely a part of American history—is such racketeering. Its purpose is to divert public attention from the tough problems we face today and tomorrow.

I was among those a year ago who were ardently hopeful that the election of Dwight Eisenhower would quiet down the partisan frenzy which was seriously reducing the nation's capacity to think clearly about big problems ahead. The Brownell-White-Truman affair seems to indicate that hope was an illusion. If we are to be kept lathered up with stale spy sensations, we won't be capable of the good judgment and unfailing patience which our times demand.

The Russian strategy, it seems to me, is now entirely clear. None of the world problems is to be allowed to be settled. Everything is to be kept tense and difficult—Germany, Austria, Korea, Indo-China, and all the rest. By every means short of war, the tension is to be kept up. We won't be able to solve any problems. This will be a test of our patience and determination.

The Russians figure that in this prolonged contest the Americans won't be able to stand the strain. They expect us to do foolish things, such as plunge into a war we can't win, or lose the confidence of our allies, or get to fighting among ourselves.

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What Four Men Found in Bethlehem

By Walter Russell Bowie

On the night when the little child of Mary was born in the stable in Bethlehem three people were in the inn when Mary and Joseph were refused admittance. They slept within the sheltering walls while the Christ-child was born in the stable. They knew nothing of the brightness of angels in the sky. They heard nothing of shepherds, who, on the plains of Bethlehem, heard an angel's voice, and hurried to the stable to see the little child in Mary's arms. They only slept unknowing, and next morning rose indifferently to start upon their homeward way.

But as they set out together on the road that led down from the hill of Bethlehem to the Judæan plain, it happened that they drew together; and they talked to one another and asked what had brought them there.

"I came to Bethlehem," said Marius, a Roman centurion, "with a detachment of legionaries to guard the town during the enrollment and the taxing, and also for another particular reason of my own. I know the man who has bought the privilege of collecting Caesar's taxes here in Bethlehem. I have done business with this Jacob Ben Israel before. I told him it was to his good that Roman soldiers should be here to watch against thieves, and to keep the town in order while he gathered in his revenue. He was a wise man, and he understood. And so I come away from Bethlehem"—and here he touched his girdle—"with these hundred silver denarii which I can use to good advantage. I shall enlarge and adorn the courtyard of the house I am building for myself in Caesarea. My visit to Bethlehem has worked out well."

The second was a sheikh named Ibrahim who dwelt in his wide tents on the plains of the Shephelah.

"There is a market-place in Bethlehem," he said, "where many sheep are sold on the days when crowds come into the town. There are those in Bethlehem who have charge of the market-place, and there was need of a little private converse between them and me. So I came upon my camel hither to talk with them. Hereafter my sheep will be given room in the market before the flocks of any others who have sheep to sell. It is true I had to cross their palms with money; but the money I have paid will come back to me many times over in the days ahead." He laughed. "This journey to Bethlehem will mean much profit, and I am satisfied."

The third was a rich man of Jerusalem named Hazor, who rode upon a mule richly caparisoned.

"An old friend of mine in Bethlehem lives in the one great house of the town," he said. "Once in every year he gives a feast to all his acquaintances, and I came to his feast last night. Such a banquet as it was! There were cakes made from the finest flour that is grown upon the Judæan plains, the flesh of lambs, fish from the Sea of Galilee, pomegranates and dates and other fruit from the gardens of Damascus, and wine from the vine-

yards of Lebanon. Such a feast Caesar himself might have envied. It was worth more than a journey from Jerusalem."

As they rode together, they became aware of a shepherd lad who had been walking in the field beside them keeping pace with them as they made their slow way down the hill, and gazing at their faces.

They stopped and looked at him.

"What mean you by walking there and staring at us?" said Marius.

"Forgive me, my masters," said the lad. "I have heard what you were saying, and I wondered."

"Wondered at what?" said Ibrahim.

"Wondered whether there was not more than you saw and found in Bethlehem," said the shepherd. "Did you see last night a shining in the sky?"

"Not I," said Marius. "I slept sound in the inn with a hundred good denarii to keep me company."

"Nor I," said Ibrahim, "I too slept, and my dream was opulent."

"I saw nothing but the lights of the banquet hall where the wine flowed. Those were lights enough for me," said Hazor.

"And did you hear no tidings of a Child that was born?" said the shepherd.

They looked at one another in amazement, and then laughed.

"Who cares for nonsense such as this?" said Marius. "Every moment somewhere a child is born. What concern is it of mine if there is another more or less in Bethlehem? I came to teach Jacob Ben Israel how to be generous. He learned his lesson well, and I am going away with all that I wanted to get in Bethlehem."

"I have made my arrangements in the market-place and that will suffice for me," said Ibrahim.

"I have had my feast, and that will be enough for me. I dream on for many days to come," said Hazor.

Then as they went their way along the road the shepherd stood and looked after them. For a long time he gazed. And then his eyes lifted, and he looked at the sky and at the rim of the far-off hills. Slowly in his face a light began to glow, as though some inward flames were burning. Then softly he began to sing.

"At the end will be but rust,

Where earthly treasures are.

They whose eyes are in the dust

Will never see a star.

They who came to Bethlehem

And only dross have sought

Will take away alone with them

The emptiness they brought.

He stopped and was silent while still his eyes were wide. Then he began again to speak, as though in the quiet field there was something which would hear.

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CHURCH NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE

Business Men Give Time to Church

Detroit—Business men who devote much time to fraternal and political organizations and too little time to Church were chided at the annual meeting of the Board of Managers of United Church Men here.

"We need men who will wear out the shoe leather for their parish as they now work for civic clubs, trade associations and political parties," said H. Roe Bartle, of Kansas City, Mo., Boy Scout executive and administrator of the American Humanities Foundation.

"Not enough red-blooded men would follow the direction of youth in church work, 'juvenile delinquency' would disappear," Dr. Bartle said.

The manufacturer, merchant, professional man all say they have no time to teach a Sunday school class," he declared. "The result is that our youth do not have the proper leaders."

Dr. Bartle was a featured speaker at the meeting. United Church Men is a department of the National Council of Churches.

"We will never have a great America until Christian laymen are willing to be crusaders for Christ," he said.

"I want to see a Christian America. It's your job and mine to see that it is achieved. Today we are destroying character instead of building Christianity in too many of our activities. Mudslinging politics destroys character more than builds our moral fiber, with the result that not enough Christian laymen are willing to become part of the body politic. If we put Christian principles ahead of political expediency, we can get somewhere.

"To build a Christian nation we must build Christian cities; to build Christian cities we must build Christian churches; and to have Christian churches we must have Christian laymen."

Missouri, Wisconsin Synod Leaders Conference on Differences

Milwaukee, Wis.—Top officers of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Wisconsin and Other States will meet here Jan. 12 to 15 to try to mend the growing split between their bodies.

The time of the conference and the agenda were set at a personal meeting

here between Dr. John W. Behnken, St. Louis, Mo., president of the Missouri Synod, and the Rev. Oscar J. Naumann, St. Paul, Minn., Wisconsin Synod president.

Such a conference was proposed by Dr. Behnken when the Wisconsin Synod held a special convention here Oct. 9 and accused the Missouri Synod of causing a "break in relations" between the two bodies by engaging in "unionistic practices."

Pastor Naumann said the conference would be attended by the two presidents, vice-presidents of both synods, the Wisconsin Synod's eight district presidents, and Missouri Synod district presidents from corresponding areas. They will discuss all the charges made against the Missouri Synod.

"The fact that we are organizing the meeting shows that we still do hope and pray that some good will come of it," Pastor Naumann said, "and that we will be able to arrive at an understanding. If we had no hope, we would not be doing this."

Dr. Behnken said the January conference would review the whole history of Lutheran unity movements, which have developed in a "piecemeal" fashion over a period of many years.

Dr. Torm, Danish Theologian, Dies

Copenhagen—Dr. D. Frederik Torm, professor of New Testament at the University of Copenhagen for 37 years and a leader in the mission work of the Danish State Lutheran Church, died at his home here. He was 83 years old.

One of Denmark's leading theologians, he had a profound influence upon several generations of Lutheran ministers.

Although he retired from the university faculty at the age of 70 in 1940, Dr. Torm continued his Church work for a number of years.

He remained active until 1946 in the International Missionary Council and the Kontinental Missionskonferenz, in both of which he had been prominent for decades. In 1946, he also gave up the chairmanship of the Danish Missionary Council.

A strong anti-Nazi from the early days of Hitler's rise to power, Dr. Torm assisted persecuted Danish Jews during the German occupation of this country.

Church Building Continues to Increase

Washington, D. C.—Construction of new churches continues to increase despite the usual downward building trend in the fall, the Departments of Commerce and Labor reported.

Churches spent an estimated \$46,000,000 on new construction in October, a contra-seasonal gain of \$1,000,000 over September, and \$6,000,000 more than the same month a year ago.

The government report estimated that churches spent \$383,000,000 for new buildings in the first ten months of this year, compared with \$324,000,000 in the same period a year ago.

Construction of new facilities by non-public schools also showed a contra-seasonal gain in October, with \$40,000,000 spent compared with \$39,000,000 in September and only \$33,000,000 a year ago.

Thus far this year, non-public schools have spent \$343,000,000 on construction, it was estimated, compared with \$285,000,000 in the same period a year ago.

Private hospital and institutional construction has continued to decline, however. Such construction is 22 per cent behind the 1952 level. Since hospital construction was never affected by controls no backlog of postponed structures existed.

Swedes Observe All Saint's Day as Holiday

Stockholm—All Saint's Day was celebrated on Saturday (Oct. 31) in Sweden for the first time in nearly 200 years. Special communion services in churches throughout the nation drew large crowds, and graveside services in cemeteries were widely attended.

Schools, shops, factories and offices all over the country closed early Friday afternoon in accordance with a new law establishing the Saturday preceding the first Sunday in November as a national holiday for observance of the festival.

The new law was aimed primarily at breaking the monotony of a holidayless autumn. Since 1772 when a calendar reform was instituted during the reign of King Gustaf III, All Saint's Day had been observed on the first Sunday in November.

Brotherhood Plans Martin Luther Library

Minneapolis, Minn.—A Martin Luther Library will be included in a new \$1,500,000 headquarters building to be constructed here for Lutheran Brotherhood, life insurance society, officials announced.

The library will carry out one of the purposes of the society—"to aid the Lutheran Church in extending the Lutheran Faith," according to Carl F. Granrud, Minneapolis, Lutheran Brotherhood president.

Dr. Randolph Haugan, manager of Augsburg Publishing House and vice-chairman of the Lutheran Brotherhood board of directors, is in charge of plans for the library.

He said it will contain a reference file of works by and about the Reformation leader and will have a collection of interesting Luther material.

In connection with its board of directors' meeting at St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn., Lutheran Brotherhood presented its first Gov. J. A. O. Preus award to Dr. Howard Hong, head of the philosophy department at St. Olaf for "notable service to the Lutheran Church."

Mr. Preus, governor of Minnesota from 1921 to 1925, is chairman of the board of Lutheran Brotherhood and one of its founders. He made the presentation to Dr. Hong, former director of the Lutheran World Federation's service to refugees in Germany, at the college's chapel service. The award carried a \$250 gift.

Lutheran Brotherhood comprises Lutherans of practically all synods. This year it will pay out more than \$180,000 in benevolences. Some of these benefits will go to its 1,126 branches in local congregations and the rest to finance activities of the National Lutheran Council and other Lutheran agencies and to pay for its program of scholarships to students at 27 Lutheran colleges and 22 seminaries.

Protestants Warned of City Losses

New York—In spite of statistics that show growth in church membership, Sunday school attendance and church giving, Protestants are losing touch with "significant groups" of the U.S. population, a home missions executive warned here.

Addressing a fifth anniversary celebration of the founding of East Harlem Protestant Parish, Dr. Truman B. Douglass, executive vice-president of the Congregational Christian Board of Home Missions, said that Protestants

were losing strength in many parts of American cities.

"America has an urban culture," he said. "Into the big cities go many of our most gifted young people. From urban communication centers come much of America's folkways and values. If we lose the cities, we can lose the nation."

Dr. Douglass cited the five-year-old East Harlem Parish, an interdenominational and interracial mission enterprise in New York's most crowded tenement district, as one of the few examples of "truly creative missionary effort" that can succeed in modern city life.

Traditional evangelistic methods, he said, are chiefly effective in "reclaiming lost loyalties" and in "rounding up strays."

The churches must have new inventiveness and a greater missionary spirit, he emphasized, if they are to be effective in "penetrating the hostile territory" of city life and reaching those who are "radically alienated" from the Church.

Supreme Court Justice Challenges Charges Against Clergymen

Buffalo, N. Y.—A New York Supreme Court Justice has asked a Baptist clergyman to prove charges that three widely-known Protestant churchmen "have been flagrantly aiding the cause of communism."

Justice George T. Vandermeulen of Buffalo made the request of Dr. J. Palmer Muntz, pastor of Cazenovia Park Baptist church, after the latter hurled the charges in a recent sermon against Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of Washington, D. C., Dr. E. Stanley Jones, author and missionary, and Dr. Claude C. Williams, Birmingham, Ala., clergyman.

Justice Vandermeulen said he wants proof of Dr. Muntz's accusations "within 30 days." He is a member of Dr. Muntz's church.

"If you do not, or if you can not prove the same, I, for one, and many others, will consider that you have accused these men unfairly and that the sole purpose of your sermon was to be sensational," Justice Vandermeulen said in a letter to Dr. Muntz.

"It is easy to accuse men who live miles away from Buffalo and do not know the accusation has been made. If my memory serves me correctly, Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam was entirely exonerated of any charges regarding Communism against him by the Committee of the Congress who have charge of un-American activities."

In the sermon that caused the controversy, Dr. Muntz, a past president

of the Conservative Baptist Association of America, said that "there is no doubt that the charges are true as made by Dr. J. B. Matthews that there are in the clergy thousands of party members, fellow travelers and unwitting dupes."

"They live under the aegis of the National Council of Churches, which fosters programs of the social gospel is pacifist in sentiment and is in sympathy with Communistic social and economic ideals," he said.

Foreign Students Told About Lutheranism in America

Columbus, O.—American Lutheranism was the central theme of the fourth annual Foreign Theological Students Conference, sponsored by the National Lutheran Council at Capital University Seminary here, Nov. 27-28. Some thirty foreign students from seven countries attended the two-day session.

Prospects of union among various church bodies were discussed by Dr. William L. Young, executive secretary of the Board of Higher Education of the American Lutheran Church, who is secretary of the Joint Union Committee of the ALC, Evangelical Lutheran, United Evangelical Lutheran Church and Lutheran Free Church.

Cooperative activities were presented by a panel which consisted of Dr. Paul C. Empie, executive director of the NLC; Dr. H. Conrad Hoyer, executive secretary of the NLC's Division of American Missions; the Rev. Rollin G. Shaffer, promotion secretary of Lutheran World Action; and the Rev. Oswald Elbert, eastern regional secretary of the NLC's Division of Student Service.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

A wealthy businessman of my acquaintance, born in poverty and compelled to struggle through life without much education, asserted to a fire-side group one evening that plain folks such as himself, who have learned of life by hard knocks, can outdo scholars at philosophy.

"Well, then, let's hear some of your stuff," challenged a friend who happened to be a famous scholar.

"Here's what we'll do," proposed the businessman. "You and I will each write out an original sentence and submit it to a newspaperman to decide which is the better thought."

Sure enough! The uneducated man's sentence was declared the more thought-provoking. It was this:

"I was born to an environment I did not like; I changed it."—Selected

Missions and Prayer

By the Rev. Henry N. Hansen

Chairman of Santal Committee

When saith Jesus unto his disciples, the harvest indeed plentiful, but the laborers are few. Pray ye therefore Lord of the harvest, that he send forth laborers into harvest." Matt. 9:37-38.

Prayer is the very center of missionary work, it is "the center side," in which all may have a part, even little children. It is the most important work in the Kingdom of God. It is the Lord's will that we should enter into the work. It is possible for every believer to have a part in the very center of the missionary enterprise.

When we are asked to pray for the missionaries who are already in the work. This is indeed very important. Pray for them personally. It means so much to them. Don't forget to let them know that you do remember them in your intercessory prayers.

In this passage the Lord commands His disciples to pray for more workers, "for the harvest is great and the laborers are few." There have been and still are too few workers in the mission fields. And we shall never get the harvest, until the Church begins to make use of intercessory prayer. We must pray definitely that workers may be sent out. It is the Lord who must send them forth; He is dependent upon our prayers. Many Christians pay but very little attention to this command of Jesus. They pray perhaps for those already in the field, but for those who are preparing to enter the field, but none of us have not reached the point where we pray for those who as yet are neither in the work, nor preparing

for it; but for whom the Lord has definite work in mind. The Lord does not call and send forth workers without our prayers.

But prayer is work. As such it requires time, thought and planning. We shall never find time to pray unless we take it. It must be clear to us for whom we desire to pray. It is a costly prayer. That is possibly the reason why so few people dare to pray earnestly for more workers. It means, that if the Lord raises up workers we pledge Him to furnish the necessary means to convey them to the heathen lands and also support them while there. When young men and women utter this prayer, it means that, if it is the will of God they are ready to become laborers. When Christian parents pray this prayer, they express their willingness that their children should go.

Prayer for Missions requires time. That must be taken into consideration in arranging your daily schedule. To spend time alone with God takes time. What blessings we are withholding from ourselves, the Church, Missions by not praying. It has been said of Pastor Gossner: He prayed missionaries into faith. He prayed God to open the hearts of the rich and gold poured in from distant lands. As a result of his prayers, one hundred missionaries were put into the fields, who gathered 30,000 converts before his death at the age of sixty-three. One believing mother was asked the secret, why her nine children went to India as missionaries. She replied: "I have been accustomed to spend the birthday of each child in all day prayer for them."

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

	Total Received	Chil- dren's Homes	School Fund	General Fund	Home Mission	Indian Mission	Utah Mission	Pen- sion Fund
Budget	197567.00	15600.00	50000.00	24747.00	36643.00	7650.00	1542.00	31385.00
Graciously acknowledged	71821.91	7246.13	26894.08	7929.51	14614.68	4233.72	1192.70	9711.09
Mr. Minn., Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Jacobsen in memory of their parents, the Jacobsens and Nielsens	10.00	10.00						
Mr. N. Dak., Norma Luth. Sunday School	6.63					6.63		
Mr. Groves, Mo., Bethany Luth. Church	109.29						9.29	100.00
Mr. Lake, Ia., St. Mark's Luth. Church	96.84	6.84	45.00	10.00	10.00	10.00		15.00
Mr. Falls, Ia., Nazareth Sunshine Club, \$20 for Elim Home and \$50 for Home Mission	70.00	20.00			50.00			
Mr. Ia., St. Paul's Luth. Church	793.75	53.75	400.00	100.00	100.00	40.00		100.00
Mr. Winneb., Ladies Aid of Our Savior's Luth. Church	45.00	15.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
Mr. Winneb., Farmington Luth. Church in memory of T. N. Hagen, Florence, S. D.*	10.00				10.00			
Mr. Minn., Our Savior's Sunday School	21.47					21.47		
Mr. Winneb., Bethany Luth. Church in memory of T. Paulsen	5.00				5.00			
Mr. Winneb., Andrew Hansen of Bethany Home	7.32							7.32
Mr. Winneb., Mrs. P. Jacobsen of Bethany Home	5.00							5.00
Mr. Winneb., Bethany Luth. Church	28.65							28.65
Mr. Winneb., Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Christensen of Ebenezer Church	25.00	10.00			10.00	5.00		
Mr. Grove, Ia., Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Nielsen and family in memory of Mrs. Andrew Nielsen, Winnetoon, Nebr.	1.00					1.00		
Mr. Miller, Ia., Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hansen and family and Mrs. Ole Swanson in memory of Mrs. Andrew Nielsen, Winnetoon, Nebr.	2.00							2.00
Mr. Miller, Ia., Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Ekquist and family in memory of Mrs. Andrew Nielsen, Winnetoon, Nebr.	1.00							1.00
Mr. Winneb., Axel Engburg, Edwards Engburg and Ina Engburg in memory of Mrs. Andrew Nielsen, Winnetoon, Nebr.	20.00							20.00
Mr. Winneb., Mr. and Mrs. Ansgar Jensen in memory of Mrs. Andrew Nielsen, Winnetoon, Nebr.	2.00				2.00			
Mr. Winneb., Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Andersen in memory of Mrs. Andrew Nielsen	2.00				2.00			
Mr. Winneb., in memory of Mrs. Andrew Nielsen: Mr. and Mrs. Wal- Mathiasen, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Morris and family and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Mathiasen and family	3.00				3.00			
Mr. Falls, Ia., Nazareth Luth. Church	175.00	25.00	75.00	25.00	25.00	25.00		
Mr. Winneb., Emmaus Luth. Church	24.50							24.50
Mr. Calif., Magdalene Rasmussen \$2.50 in memory of Mrs. P. C. K.	5.00		5.00					
Mr. Winneb., \$2.50 in memory of H. G. Bertelsen	65.00	10.00	20.00		20.00	10.00	5.00	
Mr. Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Christ Andersen	10.00							10.00
Mr. Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Christ Andersen in memory of Mrs. Rev. C.								
Mengers								
Mr. Mich., St. Paul's Luth. Church in memory of J. P. Jensen, who passed away 3 years ago	20.00							20.00
Mr. Mich., St. Paul's Luth. Church	586.02	86.02	280.00	50.00	70.00	40.00	10.00	50.00
Mr. Bluffs, Nebr., Trinity Luth. Ladies Aid	163.31				150.00	13.31		
Mr. Winneb., Emmaus Luth. Church: October Mission money \$22.57, November Mission money \$38.37, Thanksgiving offering \$54.25	115.19			22.57	38.37			54.25

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NEW INTEREST IN PEACEFUL USE OF ATOMIC POWER

All of a sudden the United States government, through Thomas E. Murray of the Atomic Energy Commission, has announced that it is about to start building a power plant run by atomic energy. Work will start in about a year. It should be completed two or three years later. The reactor will cost somewhere between \$20 and \$60 million, and should develop at least 60,000 kilowatts of electricity. That's enough for a city of from 60,000 to 100,000 population. The press has said all the expected things about this marking the beginning of a new era in power production, a development comparable in importance with the advent of steam and electricity. It well may be, though there's a strong flavor of chauvinism about such claims, since Britain has been working to build an atomic power reactor for several years and there's a U.N.-backed plant to develop peaceful uses of atomic fission in the blueprint stage in Switzerland. But debates over priority can wait. Just now what we'd like to know is why the United States, which has seemed so indifferent to anything but atomic bomb-building, should become so keen about building a power reactor that it shifts to that the rear admiral it has been relying on to build nuclear-powered submarines. Three explanations occur. (1) Perhaps our stockpile of atom bombs has become so large that we don't want any more. (2) Perhaps our bomb-makers have lost interest in atom bombs and intend to concentrate hereafter on hydrogen—thermonuclear fusion—bombs. (3) Perhaps the AEC and the Pentagon have waked up to the consequences which could follow if Russia built the first atomic power plants. If the Soviet Union should gain this potential source of limitless power before we do—it announced some time ago that it is going to use its atomic discoveries for peaceful purposes—it would have a tremendous effect on the effort to transform that nation into an industrial giant with greater productivity than ours. It would also make it possible for the communist bloc to offer uranium-producing countries, such as the Belgian Congo and South Africa, something that would solve their power problems. Not only would this tempt them toward close relations with the Red bloc; it would leave us, in our desperate need for uranium, almost high and dry. Commissioner Murray warned of that possibility. It carries a bigger threat than any atom bomb.

—Christian Century.

TYRANNY REMOVES MASK IN SPAIN

Two events of importance have taken place in Spain since the United States signed its deplorable aid agreement with General Franco. The first was emergence from the shadows of the Falange, nazi-like political party, whose leaders boldly claimed that our entry into a deal with Franco was not because we needed bases, but because we approved of the Spanish dictatorship. The second and related event was ratification by the Cortes of a new concordat with the Vatican. Significantly, the parliament was not given a chance to vote. The delegates cheered the reading of a message from General Franco announcing and defending the concordat and the president of the Cortes announced: "I see from your applause that you approve by acclamation the ratification of the concordat. Long live Franco! Long live Pius XII!" That was it! What did Franco say that should concern Americans who are paying part of the cost of keeping him in power? He asserted first that "in a Catholic nation it is the foremost duty of the state to safeguard the question of faith." He said the Roman Catholic Church would continue to "enjoy in Spain not only full freedom for its sacred aims but also the necessary help for its full development." He said non-Catholics would be allowed to practice their religion only so long as their activities did not conflict with the "Catholic unity" of Spain. "But this tolerance toward other creeds does not mean freedom of propaganda likely to foster religious discrepancies and perturb the safe and unanimous possession of religious truth in this country." Unanimous! What, then, becomes of Spain's 20,000 Protestants? Does Franco intend to see that they are rubbed out in some way so that his boast of unanimity may become a fact? This speech by the head of the Spanish state indicates that he has bowed to the will of the most intransigent forces in the Roman church. But the re-emergence of the Falange, the ratification of the concordat and such ominous talk as this by Franco were held in abeyance until American aid was secure.—Christian Century.

NLC BROADCAST FOR NEGROES PROVES SUCCESS IN ALABAMA

Montgomery, Alabama—A Lutheran radio program for Negroes over Station WRMA here is proving highly successful, according to the Rev. David F. Conrad, Southern Educational

Secretary of the National Lutheran Council's Division of American Missions.

The program, originated six months ago as the National Lutheran Hour, is the first Lutheran broadcast by WRMA whose announcers and salesmen are all Negro, he said.

Mr. Conrad pointed out that, according to the station personnel, the National Lutheran Hour differs from other religious broadcasts by "not being loud, ill-planned, undignified and highly commercialized," but consists of "excellent preaching, good religious music, and no requests for money accompanying it."

A weekly speaker on the program is the Rev. Nelson W. Trout of Trinity Lutheran Church in Montgomery, whose sermons were described by Mr. Conrad as "challenging, forceful, and spiritual."

The hymns used in the broadcasts are from a collection of Lutheran college choir records, he added.

Mr. Conrad admitted that during the early months of the program there was some concern about how many people tuned in the National Lutheran Hour. There was very little mail and few requests for copies of the weekly sermon and a booklet on the Christian faith which were offered free, he said.

However, station officials urged that the program be kept on the air and explained that the Negro audience must have time to get used to "your type of religious radio worship."

After six months of broadcasting, Mr. Conrad said, the program has proved its value in various ways, including an unexpected rise in attendance at services of Trinity Lutheran Church.

The Sunday morning attendance, he said, has risen from an average of fifty to an average of 125. Confirmed membership has also increased.

The Educational Secretary expressed hope that through the medium of radio the Lutheran Church may "find a new inroad to the millions of Negroes who need a better interpretation of Christianity."

The thirty-minute weekly broadcast over WRMA costs only \$14.50, which is paid by the Division of American Missions, he said. Offers by commercial sponsors have been refused to save the program from injury to the "religious point of view."

The Origin of Christmas Hymns

By Arthur Gaunt

One of our Christmas hymns was written by a Poet Laureate who died in destitution, and another had its origin in a newspaper.

The Christmas hymn, as distinct from the carol or sailing song, has a romance of its own.

Cheetham's Library, Manchester, is preserved the original manuscript of one of the best-known Nativity hymns, yet that MS. was lost for very many years. It was found, accidentally, by a prospective bidder who was examining a case of books at a Manchester sale.

Flipping the pages of a volume, he loosened a sheet of paper. It bore the words of "Christians, awake" in the handwriting of the composer of the hymn, John Byrom. The finder hurriedly replaced the paper and returned the book to the shelf.

Then he bid for the whole case of books, and after they were knocked down to him he presented the MS. to the library, where it is preserved today.

The Manchester district has very strong connections with other chapters in the story of the same Christmas hymn. Had not the Pretender's army reached the neighborhood in 1745, it is doubtful whether the verses would ever have been written.

John Byrom penned them—not as a hymn, but as words of consolation for his daughter Dorothy, when news arrived that a young friend of hers had died in prison, after being arrested for taking part in the rebellion. Kersal Cell, the Byrom homestead, still stands. It was acquired by public subscription just before the war, and has since become a Community Center for the people of Salford.

The study where John Byrom composed his verses has been restored, and souvenirs of his lifetime have been collected there. The old half-timbered house gets its name from a monastic cell or hermitage which once occupied the site. It is particularly fitting that a dwelling so closely connected with a popular Christmas hymn should stand in a spot associated with the early days of Christianity in England.

"Christians awake" was set to music by John Wainwright, organist at Stockport Parish Church, and a few words of the tune are inscribed on his memorial tablet there. It is believed that the hymn was first sung in public by a choir outside Kersal Cell on Christmas Eve 1745. But although it is now sung all over the world at Christmas, its period of real popularity covers only the last 50 years or so.

An oddity about the tune is that, despite its being composed by a native of Cheshire, and being written for words penned by a Lancashire man, it has been given the name "Yorkshire"!

Which was our first Christmas hymn? The record goes to "O come, all ye faithful," which dates so far back that its origin is not now definitely known. But it appears to have been written some 700 years ago, by St. Bernard, a Franciscan monk.

It was, of course, originally in Latin, and there have been several translations, each differing slightly from the others. It did not appear in print until less than a century ago, when a translation by Canon Oakeley appeared in a hymnal.

The writing of Christmas hymns as such, however, began in earnest in the seventeenth century. Ben Jonson turned his literary talents in this direction when he wrote some verses beginning "I sing the Birth was born tonight."

The writers of more recent Nativity hymns present a motley parade. The life-story of Nahum Tate, who wrote the words of "While shepherds watched," is that of a man who became Poet Laureate, but who ended his life deserted and in poverty.

In contrast was Charles Wesley, who holds the record as a prolific hymn-writer, and who gave us "Hark! the herald angels sing." With its three or four verses as sung today, it is nevertheless a mere shadow of the hymn which Wesley wrote. Originally there were no fewer than ten eight-line verses!

Another great hymn-writer, James Montgomery, wrote the words beginning "Angels from the realms of glory." A son of the manse, he became a shop assistant at Mirfield in 1787, but eventually turned to newspaper work.

When the editor of the **Sheffield Register** had to flee from persecution, as a result of opinions expressed in that journal, Montgomery took over the editorship. In that post he was able to express himself as a poet, and among the verses which he published were the ones that have become the Christmas hymn mentioned above.

Montgomery himself was imprisoned on two occasions for daring to criticise the authorities, but the value of his work was eventually recognized. He was granted a royal annuity of £200 in 1833.

History somewhat repeated itself in the case of another Nativity hymn, "It came upon the midnight clear." This, too, was first published in a newspaper, this time in the U.S.A. It was originally printed in the Christmas issue of a Massachusetts news-sheet in 1849.

The name of Bishop Heber is perhaps remembered chiefly today as that of the writer of the missionary hymn, "From Greenland's icy mountains," yet he also composed the words of a popular Christmas hymn, "Brightest and best of the sons of the morning." The Hebers were a Wharfedale family, and Heber's Ghyll, Ilkley, is named after them, while several Heber memorials are to be seen in Ilkley Parish Church.

That beautiful hymn, "Holy Night," is not of very ancient origin. The German composer died in 1848, and his verses were not translated into English until a good many years after his death.

This hymn therefore escaped the ban which at one time was imposed on Nativity hymns. It is strange to record that such a ban ever existed, but Cromwell did disfavor such hymns, and in Puritan times the singing of them was prohibited.

But the hymns of Christmas, like Christmas celebrations themselves, have survived all efforts to suppress them.
(From Home Owner)

EAST ZONE CHURCH STRONG IN SPIRE OF TRIBULATION

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The American Lutherans, whose church life has developed under different conditions from those of the European state-churches, must, according to Dr. Bodensieck, increasingly share their experience with Europeans to help them build what he termed "a theology of the congregation."

NEWS AND NOTES

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Standard, Alta. (United Evangelical Lutheran Church); Pastor O. Johnson of Edmonton, Alta. (Lutheran Free Church); and Mr. Peter Notland of Morrin, Alta. (Evangelical Lutheran Church).

The Association Board met in the evening and elected the officers for the Board. They are: President: Pastor G. O. Evenson; Vice-President: Pastor Ole Larson; Secretary: Pastor Lingren; Treasurer: Mr. V. Mollerup.

TWO OBITUARIES

Mrs. C. C. Mengers, wife of Pastor emeritus C. C. Mengers, passed away at the home of her son, Prof. Ethan Mengers, Blair, Nebr., Sept. 12, 1953. Her maiden name was Maren Dorothea Henriksen, born at Falster, Denmark, Jan. 10, 1868. She migrated with her parents to America in 1872. She was married to Pastor Mengers in 1895. They served the following congregations: Philadelphia, Pa., Oxford, N.J., Moorhead, Iowa, Hartland, Wis., Chicago, Ill., Westby, Mont., Webster Groves, Mo., Duluth, Minn., Superior, Wis., and Bone Lake, Wis. Pastor Mengers resigned in 1938. They have lived at Blair since 1948, where both their children make their home,

Agatha, (Mrs. Rev. L. C. Hansen) and Prof. Ethan Mengers.

Mrs. Hans P. Berthelsen, wife of Pastor emeritus Hans P. Berthelsen, passed away June 20, at Ottawa, Ill. Her maiden name was Gunhild Prestegaard, born in Lee, Ill., in 1870. She was married to Pastor Berthelsen in 1894. They served churches in Black Hills, S. Dak., in Momence, Clifton, Kankakee, Ill., Indianapolis, Ind., Omaha, Nebr., Rolfe and Callender, Iowa, Philadelphia, Pa., and Penn Yan, N.Y. Your editor knew both of these women. The Mengers served the churches at Westby, Mont., one summer when I worked there in vacation. The Berthelsens took over the work at Philadelphia after I had reorganized it for the Atlantic District. I enjoyed much hospitality in both homes.

Coulter, Iowa. Two memorable gatherings in our church the past summer were the times we had Rev. and Mrs. Robert P. Hansen of Farmington, Minn. and Mr. and Mrs. Hillerup Rasmussen and family of Blair, Nebr., with us. In July we had a reception for Rev. and Mrs. Hansen at which time the congregation presented them with an individual communion set. A surprise highlight of the program was a showing of Robert and Harriett's past life on the screen.

In August Mr. and Mrs. Rasmussen were with us for a Sunday evening service at which time Mr. Rasmussen brought the message. They renewed old acquaintances and made new friends during the fellowship hour. A gift of money from their many friends here was presented to them.

Rev. Donald T. Hansen of Chicago, Ill., was the speaker at our Fall Evangelistic meetings held Nov. 1-3. His

evening studies based on the Book of Colossians were most interesting and inspiring.

The T.N.T. Circle of the Helping Hand Society has again given a large gift to the Church Building Fund as they have been doing in the past four years. This year the gift is \$500.

We were very happy to have Mrs. Inadomi with us on Nov. 17. Her personal greeting and message will long be remembered among us.

Westby, Montana. Rev. Ejvind Nielsen, Pastor. God has indeed been good to us on this part of the prairies. On June 30, a terrific hail storm wiped out all or nearly all our crop here. However, our Gracious Provider saw fit to send ideal growing conditions from then on, and a fair harvest was reaped. We know God has a purpose in permitting the bad as well as the good; may we be strengthened in our Christian faith also through trial.

October was a busy month in our congregation. Oct. 3-4 we met together with E.L.C. and other Lutheran Sunday School teachers in our area to hear and discuss all matters pertaining to our Sunday School at a rally at Emmaus Lutheran Church. Prof. Carl Narveson of Concordia College was our speaker.

Dr. Dagmar Pedersen showed movies and spoke on Santal Mission here on Oct. 6.

On Oct. 11, five young people were confirmed.

Our Mission Meetings were held Oct. 15-18 with Rev. Axel Kordahl (LFC) and Rev. Raynard Huglen also LFC as guest speakers. God's Word was given forth richly and we were blest during those days. Corr.

WHAT FOUR MEN FOUND IN BETHLEHEM

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"They think that they carry power and wealth and honour with them where they go; but it is not true. For the world will not be made better by the craft and violence of Rome, nor by the greed of merchants, nor by the indulgence of the rich. Surely the truth rather is in what I heard last night in the vision of the angels, and in what I saw as I knelt there by the manger in the stable in Bethlehem. Love was there. I saw it shining in the mother's face. It was come in some strange new way of wonder to our world in the Child who is called 'the Savior.' The three men yonder who have found all they sought in Bethlehem will go on their way and be forgotten. But only those who shall learn in Bethlehem the meaning of love will be redeemed."

OUR WASHINGTON SCENE

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Maybe the Russians are right. Perhaps we don't have the steadiness, endurance, peace of mind for the long pull. If that's true, then such politicians as Mr. Brownell are on the right track. They can feed us sensations to take our minds off our problems.

But maybe it isn't true that we are such lightweights as political masterminds figure. The only way we can prove it is by not expecting miracles from the Eisenhower administration. We should ask our government for honest, intelligent leadership in world affairs. We know the problems are too difficult, too expensive to be cleared up by 1954 or 1956. We expect mistakes, because all human beings make them. But we expect the administration to keep its eyes on the road ahead and not to waste the nation's energy in party squabbles.

—Elson Ruff

BY THE FIRESIDE

HE FAILETH NOT

Zephaniah 3:5

out at sea, at close of day,
lonely albatross flew by.
watched him as he soared away—
speck against the glowing sky!
light I: This lordly feathered one
trusting in the faithfulness
kind and tide, of star and sun;
d shall I trust the Maker less?
al of mine, spread wide thy wings:
ount up; push out with courage
strong!
—like a bird which, soaring, sings—
t heaven vibrate with thy song!
ad wide thy wings, O soul of mine,
r God shall ever faithful be:
ove shall guide thee; winds divine
all waft thee o'er this troubled
sea.

—King's Business

WALKING WITH GOD

his is the Old Testament way of
tribing a holy life, and it is worth
remembering. Enoch "walked with
" and he walked with men at the
time. He did not leave the earth
to it. He did not even get out of
ness, nor shut himself out from all
activities of men. We cannot im-
e that he failed in any of these
gs—and yet he walked with God.
mply found God's way in the for-
nd the field, in the market and in
home, and he took it. He found
where God was, and he went with
He became God's man, and as
he shared the peace of God, the
of God, and finally the rest of
—Source Unknown.

DO YOU KNOW YOUR CHRISTMAS HYMNS?

ve the first line of the first verse
ne hymns and carols in which oc-
these lines:—

Ye who sang Creation's story
Now proclaim Messiah's birth.
Pleased as man with man to dwell
Jesus our Emmanuel.
And man at war with man hears
not
The love song which they sing.
Sing all ye citizens of heaven
above.
And to the earth it gave a great
light.
Enough for Him, whom Angels
fell down before.
All meanly wrapped in swathing
bands
And in the manger laid.

8. He spake and straightway celestial
choirs
In hymns of joy, unknown be-
fore conspire.
9. Yet in the dark streets shineth
The everlasting light.
10. Leading onward, beaming bright.
So most gracious Lord, may we.
11. Gathering winter fuel.
12. Sleeps the world from sight.
13. Where Joseph and Mary, to-
gether did pass.
For to be taxed with many one
mo—for Caesar
Commanded the same should be
so.
14. Jesus Christ is born today, Ox
and Ass before him lie,
And He is in the Manger now.
15. Of all the trees that are in the
wood,
The holly bears the crown.

BE YOURSELF

There is a dreadful want, in the or-
dinary Christian life, of any appear-
ance of firsthand communication with
Jesus Christ, and daring to be myself,
and to act on the insight into his will
which Christ has given me.

Conventional Godliness, Christian
people cut after one pattern, a little
narrow round of certain statutory du-
ties and obligations, a parrotlike repe-
tition of certain words, a mechanical
copying of certain methods of life, an
oppressive sameness mark so much of
modern religion. What a freshening
up there would come into all Christian
communities if every man lived by his
own perception of truth and duty! If
a musician in an orchestra is listening
to his neighbor's note and time, he
will lose many an indication from the
conductor that would have kept him
far more right if he had attended to it.
And if, instead of taking our beliefs
and our conduct from one another, or
from the average of Christian men
around us, we went straight to Jesus
Christ and said to him, "What wouldst
Thou have me to do?" there would be
a different aspect over Christendom
from what there is today. The fact of
individual responsibility, according to
the measure of our individual light,
and faithful following of that, where-
soever it may lead us, are the grand
and stirring principles that come from
these words. "Whereunto we have al-
ready attained," by that—and by no
other man's attainment or rule—let us
walk.—Alexander MacLaren.

THE "GENERAL" QUIT

John Gunther in his book Eisen-
hower, published in the spring of 1952,
tells that "the General" was once a
heavy smoker. His health was bad.
The doctor ordered, "No more smok-
ing." Eisenhower quit. His health
immediately improved. He never went
back to tobacco.

Gunther said, "Not so long ago I
asked him how he felt to be in a com-
pany where others were smoking—
whether it was hard to refrain." Eis-
enhower replied, "No, I just think, 'I
had the will power to quit and they
haven't.'"

GOOD NEWS

An ambitious young woman who
sought to rise on the social ladder
made her husband's life miserable try-
ing to get him to rent a more expens-
ive apartment. One evening, he came
home in wonderfully good humor.

"What's the matter, dear?" the wife
exclaimed. "Anything gone wrong?"

"Good news, dearest, good news," he
shouted. "We don't have to move.
The landlord has raised the rent."—
Sunshine Magazine.

Office Boy (nervously): "Please sir,
I think you're wanted on the 'phone."

Employer: "You think! What's the
good of thinking?"

"Well, sir, the voice at the other end
said, 'Hello, is that you, you old idiot?'"

The anxious lady traveler kept pes-
tering the information clerk at the
railroad station with inane questions.
Finally, she asked, "Can I get aboard
the 'Super Chief' before it starts?"

"Madam," he replied resignedly,
"you'll have to!"

A little girl was sitting by her moth-
er during a prolonged lecture. Finally,
the speaker told a touching story and
the little one saw tears in her mother's
eyes. She said, loudly enough for the
speaker to hear, "Don't cry, Mommie,
he'll quit after a while, maybe." The
talk was soon concluded.

From a Letter. "The Ansgar Luth-
er-an is interesting and informative. The
Missionary page certainly can be help-
ful to the W.M.S. I feel there is a
real need to promote the youth to read
the paper and particularly their youth
page."

A Page For Youth...

Convention Reports

IOWA DISTRICT LUTHER LEAGUE CONVENTION

"BE A GOOD SOLDIER"

"Carol, hi, how are you?"

"Hi, John, isn't it swell to be here?"

"Merlon and Paul!"

So it was that 150 leaguers of the Iowa District met at Spencer. It was convention time again. Yes, it was good to meet one another. But the closeness we felt as Christian young people was even more keen as we gathered in groups to study II Timothy, and as we listened to the messages of our leaders. We heard how a soldier expects a battle, not only an outward battle against physical evils, but a more acute battle within our hearts. We also heard how a good soldier trains to use God's word, and trains himself in the talents which he has been given. Our banquet message "A Good Soldier Fights" turned our thoughts to the many times we have asked for the easy way out of the real battle.

Soon the expressions heard were not only "hi" and "it's good to see you" . . . They'd changed to "That's the most meaningful way of Bible study I've ever used," or "when he speaks of God's will that way it really means something."

Of course, conventions call for some business, too. We kept our business meeting time at a minimum—meeting only an hour Friday morning and an hour Saturday morning for business. The leaguers plan to go all out on their Christmas Chimes sales this year. Our boys in service will be receiving church papers and hearing from us as a result of our decision to keep closer contact with them. A \$2400 budget was adopted. It provides for our Dana Scholarship, money to missions, gifts to our boys in seminary, and support of our District and National Luther Leagues.

We'd like to say a hearty welcome to the St. Marks Luther League of Storm Lake, which joined our District.

Election returns at the business meeting showed Marilyn Steffensen, Cedar Falls was elected our Vice President, and Joyce Hansen, Jacksonville, was elected Treasurer.

It seems conventions always have time for fun too. After our Banquet the league from Council Bluffs presented the play "Dust of the Earth." It was an inspiration—not only in the message it gave us, but also to see what a league really can do. Dick Jensen of Dana College helped us have a "popping" good time with a balloon game and other recreation after the banquet.

The trip to Storm Lake to see the football game between Dana and Buena Vista was fun even though Dana . . . well it was fun anyway. That gave us opportunity to go to see St. Marks new church in Storm Lake too . . . It really has a fine start. Although it was of a serious nature, it was lots of fun too, to get together as a choir and do our part for the recording for the radio. Under the leadership of Don Olson, Trinity Seminary, the leaguers sang hymns for the program. Pres. Pastor Art Sorenson gave a short talk about our convention. We hope many of you heard the broadcast.

It was very interesting to see slides of South America and hear Pastor Bill Thomsen tell about the mission

work there. It is hard for us to realize the difficulties and persecutions the Christians there must endure. Pastor Thomsen made it more real to us and we hope in some way to help in this mission field too.

Pastor Holte brought us the message "A Good Soldier Never Lets Down." With the importance of this still ringing in our hearts we joined after dinner in a friendship circle and closed our convention with the singing of hymns, prayer and the benediction.

We had received so much good from the word of God, from our leaders, our friends, and all who helped with the convention. Thanks to all, especially Rev. Carlyle Holte, ELC Youth Director, Leroy Andersen, President of the Synodical League, and Pastor Lyle Paulsen, who brought us the messages of the convention.

We left Spencer with the prayer that we would put on the whole armour of God as we had read from Ephesians 6:13, and go forth as good soldiers until we meet again in Elk Horn next year at convention time.

WISCONSIN DISTRICT LUTHER LEAGUE CONVENTION

By Miriam Christensen, Green Bay, Wis.

The 38th convention of the Wisconsin District Luther League of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church was held November 5-7, at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Denmark, Wisconsin. The convention was very ably led by our president, Pastor Robert Berthelsen. O Thou Lord Would Guide My Ways, was the convention hymn and our motto was "I will instruct you and teach the way you should go." (Ps. 32:8)

Registration began at 4:00 p.m. Thursday followed by supper at 5:30. At 6:45 Thursday and 1:00 p.m. Friday there was choir rehearsal directed by Pastor Berthelsen. The opening service was conducted at 8:00 o'clock with Pastor Raymond Paulsen in charge. Our guest speaker, Pastor George Robertson, Royal, Iowa, gave his message "God Speaks Your Language." He also brought greetings from the Synodical President, Dr. Hans C. Jersild. At the close of the service Pastor Berthelsen formally declared the opening of the convention. For recreation the Denmark League showed the movie "What Happened to Jo Jo."

Friday opened with Bible study in the Epistle of James led by Pastor Roy Mumm from Washington Island. He spoke on the marks of true religion. Some of them are:

1. Joy and patience in the midst of trials.
2. Unwavering faith.
3. Acceptance of one's lot.
4. Endurance of temptation.
5. Recognition of source of temptation and effect of yielding thereto.
6. Recognition of divine source of all wisdom.
7. Be patient—quick to hear, and slow to anger.
8. Forsaking all evil and meek reception of the Word.

At 10:00 o'clock Pastor Thorvald Hansen spoke on "You and Missions." His three points were to (1) prepare, (2) progress, (3) and prosper. The reward would be the Crown of Life. He pointed out that it is no long-

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that I liveth but Christ that lives
me, and also that we need to let the
spirit prevail.

Next was the business meeting.
Pastor Raymond Paulsen was re-elect-
vice-president, and Karen Hansen,
Green Bay, secretary.

In the afternoon at 2:00 o'clock the
Luther League Talent Hour was held.
Some of the talents were a duet, a
soprano solo, piano solo, and a play. Af-
ter that we enjoyed a roller skating
party in Green Bay.

At 7:00 o'clock we had our annual
Luther League banquet. A delicious
dinner was served. Pastor A. S.
Hansen of Waupaca served as toast-
master. Pastor George Robertson gave
the message "Goal to Go."

Saturday morning at 9:00 o'clock we
had Bible study with Pastor Roy
Lumm. He spoke on the marks of
this profession. Some of them are:

- ... Careless and forgetful of the Word.
- ... Semblance of religion accompanied
the unbridled tongue.
- ... Honoring the rich and despising
the poor.
- ... Partial observance of the law.
- ... Unmercifulness.
- ... Inactive faith.
- ... Intellectual assent of the truth.
- ... Blessing and cursing proceeding
from the same mouth.
- ... Envy, strife, and jealousy.
- ... Unrest and unholy passions.
- ... Neglect of known duties.

A business meeting followed. We
decided to (1) discontinue publishing
the Luther League News, (2) authorize
publishing of periodic news letter and
sent to individuals designated by each
League, (3) have one delegate for ev-
ery ten members, (4) increase the
scholarship from \$50 to \$100. Pastor
Paulsen gave a report on next year's
Bible Camp. The resolutions commit-
tee then gave their thank-you to the
Denmark League. Following the busi-
ness meeting Pastor Adolf Peterson
installed the Luther League officers:
Pastor Robert Berthelsen, president;
Pastor Raymond Paulsen, vice-presi-
dent; and Karen Hansen, secretary.
Astrid Rasmussen, treasurer, was un-
able to attend.

Pastor Berthelsen informally closed
the convention.

Thank-you Denmark for your won-
derful hospitality.



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Laurens, N. Y., St. Matthew Luth. Church	31.80							31.80
North Luck, Wis., St. Peter's Luth. Ladies Aid	5.00				5.00			
Minden, Nebr., in memory of Tenus Paulsen: K. Wilson, L. Aspegren, Le Roy Paulsen, H. Paulsen and Sidney Paulsen	5.00				5.00			
North Luck, Wis., St. Peter's Luth. Church	121.66							121.66
Milltown, Wis., Milltown Busy Bees	130.00	30.00			100.00			
Milltown, Wis., Milltown Busy Bees \$2 in memory of J. H. Hohenwald and \$2 in memory of Mrs. Herman Pape's mother	4.00				4.00			
Northfield, Minn., St. Peter's Luth. Church	86.70							86.70
Chicago, Ill., Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Iversen of Golgotha Church	50.00		25.00		25.00			
Chicago, Ill., Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Iversen in memory of Augie Hansen of Atonement Church, Chicago	10.00							10.00
Norma, N. Dak., Zion Luth. Church	34.75		22.75					34.75
Vermillion, S. Dak., Peter C. Nelson	20.00	5.00	5.00		5.00			20.00
Oyens, Ia., Gethsemane Luth. Church	28.00							28.00
Beresford, S. Dak., Ladies Aid of Nazareth Luth. Church	380.00	15.00	150.00	50.00	75.00	15.00		75.00
Selma, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Jorgensen	25.00				25.00			
Rutland, Ia., Ladies Aid of Trinity Luth. Church in memory of Sam Nelson, Jr., who gave his life for his country in Korea	5.00	5.00						
Lynwood, Calif., St. Paul's Luth. Church	425.00	25.00	200.00	100.00	75.00	25.00		425.00
Lynwood, Calif., St. Paul's Luth. Church Thanksgiving Day offering	124.22							124.22
Audubon, Ia., Our Savior's Luth. Church	2000.00	200.00	1000.00	200.00	200.00	200.00		2000.00
Evan, Minn., St. Matthew Luth. Church	37.15							37.15
Eugene, Ore., Emmaus Luth. Church	50.68							50.68
Edmore, Mich., Our Savior's Luth. Church	117.45	10.37	50.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	2.00	117.45
Flaxton, N. Dak., United Luth. Church	40.15							40.15
Sioux City, Ia., Our Savior's Ladies Aid for the Storm Lake Mission in memory of Mrs. Walter Pedersen	5.00				5.00			
Atlantic, Ia., W.M.S. of St. Paul's Luth. Church	50.00				25.00		25.00	
Racine, Wis., Gethsemane Luth. Church	2325.00		2325.00					
Audubon, Ia., Sheryl Rasmussen of Ebenezer Church for the Oaks Children's Home	4.25	4.25						
Audubon, Ia., Ebenezer Ladies Aid for Elim Home \$28, for Home Mission \$15	43.00	28.00			15.00			
Greenville, Mich., St. Paul's Luth. Ladies Aid, a Christmas Gift	15.00	15.00						
Eugene, Ore., Mrs. Cecilia Thorndal of Bethesda Church, gift for School Fund instead of buying Christmas Cards	5.00		5.00					
Milwaukee, Ore., Miss Shirley Hansen of Immanuel Church, Hampton, Nebr.	15.00				15.00			
Shelby, Ia., United Ev. Luth. Church	63.05							63.05
Kenmare, N. Dak., Dorcas Ladies Aid of Trinity Luth. Church	30.00	30.00						
TOTAL	81278.24	7850.36	31506.83	9202.08	15714.05	4671.13	1248.99	11084.88

* Farmington, Minn., in memory of T. N. Hagen, Florence, S. Dak.: Floyd Johnson, Sigurd Flaata, George Mohn, Palmer Schonning
Rex Pettis, Christ Nelson, Rev. Robert Hansen. \$10.00 for Home Mission.

SPECIAL MISSIONS

	Total Received	Japan Mission	South Amer. Mission	Santal Mission	Sudan Mission	Jewish Mission	China Mission	L.W.A. Mission	Gen. Fd. Foreign Mission
Previously acknowledged	52032.31	6865.12	5519.80	7210.05	5447.94	420.28	344.04	25844.08	381.00
Owatonna, Minn., Our Savior's Luth. Church	26.25			26.25					
Morgan, Minn., Mr. and Mrs. John P. Hansen	100.00							100.00	
Harlan, Ia., Immanuel Luth. S. S. for the LWA Milk Fd	14.24							14.24	
Audubon, Ia., in memory of Fred Jensen: Mr. and Mrs. Leon J. Andersen and daughters \$2, Mr. and Mrs. Folmer Walters \$2	4.00							4.00	
Shelby, Ia., Shelby Luth. S. S., part of a mission offering	16.67	16.67							
Shelby, Ia., Shelby Luth. S. S. for the LWA Milk Fd.	25.00								
Racine, Wis., Anna, Marie and Laura Sorensen	25.00							25.00	
Audubon, Ia., Our Savior's Luth. Church	138.25	138.25						25.00	
Royal, Ia., Bethlehem Luth. S. S. for the LWA Milk Fd.	43.83							43.83	
Caruthers, Calif., J. S. Andersen	100.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00				
Saxeville, Wis., Ladies Aid Soc. of St. John's Luth. Church	15.00	5.00		5.00	5.00				
Denver, Colo., First Bethany Luth. Mission Society	45.00		25.00	10.00	10.00				
Flaxton, N. Dak., United Luth. Aid	50.76			50.76					
Westby, Mont., Emmaus Ladies Aid	50.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00		10.00		
Hardy, Nebr., Mr. and Mrs. C. Simonsen	15.00	5.00		5.00	5.00				
Dannebrog, Nebr., Dry Creek Ladies Aid	35.00	10.00	10.00	5.00	10.00				
From a Friend	100.00	34.00	33.00		33.00				
Chicago, Ill., Dorothy Heinze of Golgotha W.M.S.	15.00		15.00						
Royal, Ia., Bethlehem Luth. Church	456.78	93.07	147.07	88.07	128.57				
Viborg, S. D., Spring Valley Ladies Aid	10.00							10.00	
San Francisco, Calif., J. Roscoe Jensen for the LWA Milk Fd.	6.00							6.00	
Northfield, Minn., St. Peter's S. S. for the LWA Milk Fd.	1.90							1.90	
Chicago, Ill., Atonement Luth. S. S. for support of Munshi Tudor	150.00			150.00					
Moorhead, Ia., Bethesda Luth. S. S.	70.00		70.00						
Racine, Wis., Our Savior's Luth. S. S. in memory of Thomas Johnson	5.00				5.00				
Beresford, S. Dak., Leona Jensen in memory of her father	75.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	5.00
Rockfield, S. Dak., St. Paul's S. S. for the LWA Milk Fd.	4.50							4.50	
Graettinger, Ia., St. Paul's Luth. Church	355.45							355.45	
Graettinger, Ia., St. Paul's Luth. Church in memory of Jerry Bisgard	1.00	1.00							
Abdal, Nebr., Bethel Luth. Church	23.00							23.00	
Omaha, Nebr., Pella Luth. Church	67.25	58.25						9.00	
Neenah, Wis., Our Savior's S. S. for the LWA Milk Fd.	22.06							22.06	
Edmore, Mich., Pastor and Mrs. N. Bentsen	39.00	10.00			10.00			10.00	
Petaluma, Calif., Elim Luth. S. S. for the LWA Milk Fd.	28.00							28.00	
Neola, Ia., St. Paul's Luth. Church, offering at meeting by Dr. Inadomi	81.93	81.93							
Council Bluffs, Ia., Our Savior's Luth. S. S. for LWA Milk Fd.	43.53							43.53	
Kenmare, N. Dak., Trinity Luth. S. S. for the LWA Milk Fd.	9.59							9.59	
Irene, S. Dak., Turkey Valley S. S. for the LWA Milk Fd.	3.20							3.20	
Irene, S. Dak., Turkey Valley S. S., fifth grade for the LWA Milk Fd.	2.42							2.42	
Irene, S. Dak., Turkey Valley Luth. Church	32.75							32.75	
Elk Horn, Ia., Elk Horn Luth. Church, part of Harvest Offering for the Hospital Fund for the Parkajuli Station Hospital.	200.00			200.00					
Elk Horn, Ia., Elk Horn, Ia., part of Harvest Festival Offering	600.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00				
Elk Horn, Ia., the Rorbeck Ladies Aid	20.00							20.00	
Geneva, Minn., Community Luth. Church offering at meeting by Dr. Dagmar Petersen	37.65			37.65					
Milltown, Wis., Ladies Aid for the LWA Milk Fd.	10.00							10.00	
Plainview, Nebr., Pastor and Mrs. Virgil Anderson	35.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00			7.00	
Ferndale, Calif., Our Savior's Luth. S. S. for the LWA Milk Fd.	25.00							25.00	
Salmonhurst, N. B., Canada, Bethany S. S. for the LWA Milk Fd.	6.00							6.00	
Chicago, Ill., Edwin and Frances Jorgensen in memory of Frank Johnson, Mrs. Aaron Christensen's father	10.00				10.00				
Harlan, Ia., Immanuel Luth. Church	46.80	46.80							

ne, Wis., Danish Ladies Aid of Emmaus Luth. Church	25.00			15.00	10.00				
ey, Mont., Pella Foreign Mission Society	18.30				18.30				
a Rapids, Ia., Immanuel Luth. Church	38.50							38.50	
mboldt, Ia., Trinity Luth. Church	191.40							191.40	
sford, S. Dak., Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jensen of Nazareth Church	25.00				12.50	12.50			
Missipi, Wis., Circle No. 3 of First English Luth. Church	15.00				15.00				
ar Falls, Ia., Nazareth Church Sunshine Club	80.00	20.00	20.00		20.00			20.00	
athers, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Louis J. Mammond in memory of A. J. Quist	5.00	5.00							
on, Ill., Zion Luth. Church	148.50							148.50	
al, Ia., Esther Sewing Circle for Miss Nissen's work	20.00				20.00				
nington, Minn., Farmington Luth. Church	100.00							100.00	
tonna, Minn., Our Savior's Luth. Church for Luth. Food Appeal	77.05							77.05	
al, Nebr., Bethel Luth. Church	32.00							32.00	
ubon, Ia., Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Christensen of Ebenezer Church	55.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	5.00		10.00	
osha, Wis., the W.M.S. of St. Mary's Luth. Church, \$43.20 for Mr. Biswas' salary and \$25.00 for Jacob, a Hospital Attendant in Sudan	68.20			43.20	25.00				
ton, Wis., St. John's Luth. Church	126.86							126.86	
on, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Marthedal \$2.50 in memory of Mrs. P. C. K. Petersen and \$2.50 in memory of H. G. Bertelsen	5.00	5.00							
on, Calif., Axel Nielsen \$3 in memory of Mrs. P. C. K. Petersen and \$3 in memory of Henrik Henriksen	6.00			6.00					
aa, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Christ Andersen	60.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	20.00		10.00		
enville, Mich., St. Paul's Luth. Church	210.07							210.07	
mont Bluffs, Nebr., Trinity Luth. Ladies Aid	150.00	37.50	37.50	37.50	37.50				
nouth, Me., Emmaus Luth. Church, Leslie Huntley \$1, Special gifts \$3	4.00							4.00	
ah, Wis., Our Savior's Luth. Church	43.74			43.74					
ohn, Nebr., S. S. of Our Savior's Church for LWA Milk Fd.	19.14							19.14	
ipaca, Wis., the W.M.S. of Trinity Luth. Church	98.50		25.00	25.00	25.00			23.50	
heapolis, Minn., Dr. and Mrs. Silas C. Andersen	50.00			50.00					
hington Island, Wis., Trinity Luth. S. S. for LWA Milk Fd.	16.62							16.62	
h Luck, Wis., St. Peter's Luth. Ladies Aid for support of two boys in the Sudan Mission	80.00				80.00				
len, Nebr., Inadomi offering at Nebraska District Luther League meeting	40.10	40.10							
illion, S. Dak., Peter C. Nelson	15.00	5.00		5.00	5.00				
r, Nebr., Primary Department of First Luth. S. S. for LWA Milk Fund	26.37							26.37	
mare, N. Dak., Trinity Foreign Mission Society \$100. for Japan Mission, \$100. for a special project: a native missionary in training, freight charges on a wagon sent to Sudan \$56.	256.00	100.00			156.00				
aa, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Jorgensen	225.00	25.00	50.00	50.00	50.00			50.00	
mont Bluffs, Nebr., Trinity Luth. Church, offering Inadomi meeting	54.49	54.49							
len, Nebr., Fredericksburg S. S. for LWA Milk Fd.	12.55							12.55	
e Forest, Ill., Miss Christine Petersen in memory of Augie Hansen, Atonement Church	5.00				5.00				
ord, Ia., Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Jorth in memory of Father and Mother Beck	20.00				20.00				
ton, N. Dak., Laura Jensen in memory of her brother, Herman Hansen, Medford, Minn.	5.00							5.00	
into, Ont., Canada, Life membership for Mrs. Petrine Jespersen from her daughter, Mrs. Thorvald Heilskov	10.00				10.00				
Moines, Ia., Highland Park W.M.S.	5.00					5.00			
il, Ia., Bethlehem Luth. W.M.S. for the Sudan Hospital	70.00				70.00				
atic, Ia., St. Paul's Luth. W.M.S. for the Sudan Hospital	25.00				25.00				
ntic, Ia., St. Paul's Luth. W.M.S.	75.00	25.00	25.00	25.00					
into, Ont., Canada, Danish Ladies Aid in memory of Mrs. Petra Lilholt	10.00			10.00					
aa, Calif., Pella Luth. S. S. for the L.W.A. Milk Fd.	101.59							101.59	
ter, Ia., Mrs. Matina Petersen \$1 in memory of Mrs. Rev. C. C. Mengers and \$5 in memory of Mrs. Walter Klinkby, Fresno, Calif.	6.00	1.00	5.00						
ne, Wis., Gethsemane Luth. Church, offering joint meeting Pastor Inadomi night	133.33	133.33							
enville, Mich., the M. C. Stricker family	30.00	10.00	10.00	10.00					
mont Bluffs, Nebr., S. S. of Trinity Church, for LWA Milk Fd.	20.00							20.00	
ova, Nebr., Our Savior's Luth. Church	45.10							45.10	
iklyn, Wis., Brooklyn Luth. Church	3.95							3.95	
oy, Ia., United Ev. Luth. Church	17.30	17.30							
ey, N. Dak., Hofve Luth. S. S. LWA Milk Fd.	3.00							3.00	
TOTAL 58304.78 8065.81 6214.37 8357.72 6485.81 440.28 374.04 27980.75 386.00									

PLEASE NOTE: In the acknowledgments during October were two Life Membership gifts, one for \$10.00 for Mrs. Marie Beck for the American Mission, and one for \$10.00 for Mrs. Fred C. M. Hansen for the Japan Mission, given by the W.M.S. of Golgotha Church, Fargo.

CHURCH AND SCHOOL FUND				Received with thanks.
	Total Received	Dana Building Fund	Church Extension Fd.	
Hously acknowledged	204599.33	122734.16	81865.17	Blair, Nebraska, December 4, 1953. H. J. Hansen, Treasurer.
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